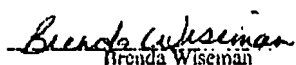


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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the September 11, 2007 Office Action where the Examiner rejected the pending claims. A request for continued examination (RCE) and appropriate fee authorization is filed herewith. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.

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OCT 23 2007**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also be used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen. Claims 14 and 18 have been amended to correct the dependency as noted by the Examiner. Additionally, claim 19 has been amended in response to the Examiner's comments regarding the marring step. As such, no new matter has been added.